

Comprehensive immigration reform must begin with securing our borders.

- Our national security depends on border security. We need to know who is coming into the country, where they are from, and what they are doing here.
- Without properly securing our borders, we remain vulnerable to those who may enter our country undetected – criminals, terrorists, and other individuals who may mean harm to Americans.
- We must ensure our border patrol agents have the resources, the manpower, and the technology to do their jobs.

America is a nation of immigrants. We are also a nation of laws.

• America has been built on the hard work and innovation of immigrants. Our country thrives on the new ideas and fresh energy that our many legal immigrant groups continue to bring. It is part of what makes our country great.



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- But America has also been founded on respect for rule of law, and those who enter our country illegally disrespect our laws, and take advantage of our generous immigration system.
- We must find a comprehensive solution that acknowledges the important contributions legal immigrants make to our country without rewarding illegal behavior.

Comprehensive immigration reform must reflect America's best values – fairness, opportunity, and respect for rule of law.

- Comprehensive immigration reform must provide a temporary worker program that unites willing employers with willing temporary workers when no U.S. citizen is available to do the job.
- We must find a way to address those individuals already here illegally in a way that is humane and realistic, but does not provide amnesty.
- Securing our borders and eliminating illegal employment will control illegal immigration. But no solution is complete unless we deal with the illegal immigrants already living here. True reform must bring those workers out of the shadows, but amnesty is not an option.

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